

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A plug-in for use with a standard network management software that discovers all devices on a network and that stores information about the discovered devices in a database, the network being connected to a remote monitoring center, comprising:

a first computer control configured to access the database independent of control from the remote monitoring center, and to identify ~~a first set of~~ network devices from the database;

a second computer control configured to determine, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, if the identified network devices belong to a selected group of network devices;

~~a second~~ third computer control configured to poll, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices for information; and

a fourth computer code configured to report, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, results of the polling to the remote monitoring center.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 1, further comprising:

a ~~third~~ fifth computer control configured to utilize the information from the polled ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices to set predetermined properties for at least one of the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 1, further comprising:

a ~~fourth~~ fifth computer control configured to determine error conditions in the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices from the information from the polled ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 3, ~~further comprising:~~
wherein the fourth ~~a fifth~~ computer control is configured to report at least one of the error
conditions to ~~a device management facility~~ the remote monitoring center by an e-mail
message.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 4, wherein the ~~fifth~~
fourth computer control is further configured to report at least a first error condition
substantially as the first error condition occurs, and to report at least a second error condition
if the second error condition persists for a predetermined period of time.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 5, wherein the second
to fifth computer controls are repeated for all devices within the ~~first set~~ selected group of
network devices at every one of poll cycles.

Claim 7 (Original): A plug-in according to claim 1, wherein the standard network
management software is HP Open View™.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 1, wherein the ~~first set~~
selected group of network devices are all the network devices on the network discovered to
be manufactured by a same manufacturer.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 4, wherein ~~fifth~~ fourth
computer control is further configured to encrypt the e-mail message.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A plug-in for use with a standard network
management software that discovers all devices on the network and that stores information

about the discovered devices in a database, the network being connected to a remote monitoring center, comprising:

first computer code means for accessing the database independent of control from the remote monitoring center, and for identifying ~~a first set of~~ network devices from the database;
a second computer control configured to determine, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, if the identified network devices belong to a selected group of network devices;

~~second~~ third computer code means for polling, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices for information; and
a fourth computer code configured to report, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, results of the polling to the remote monitoring center.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 10, further comprising:

~~third~~ fifth computer control means for utilizing the information from the polled ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices to set predetermined properties for at least one of the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 10, further comprising:

~~fourth~~ fifth computer control means for determining error conditions in the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices from the information from the polled ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 12, ~~further comprising:~~ fifth wherein the fourth computer control means for reporting at least one of the

error conditions to ~~a device management facility~~ the remote monitoring center by an e-mail message.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 13, wherein the ~~fifth~~ fourth computer control means further reports at least a first error condition substantially as the first error condition occurs, and reports at least a second error condition if the second error condition persists for a predetermined period of time.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 14, wherein the second to fifth computer control means are repeated for all devices within the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices at every one of poll cycles.

Claim 16 (Original): A plug-in according to claim 10, wherein the standard network management software is HP Open View™.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 10, wherein the ~~first set~~ set-selected group of network devices are all the network devices on the network discovered to be manufactured by a same manufacturer.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A plug-in according to claim 13, wherein ~~fifth~~ fourth computer control means further encrypts the e-mail message.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A process for monitoring network devices on a network, the network being connected to a remote monitoring center, comprising:

installing a plug-in for use with a standard network management software that discovers all network devices on the network and that stores information about the discovered devices in a database, the plug-in comprising:

a first computer control configured to access the database independent of control from the remote monitoring center, and to identify ~~a first set of~~ network devices from the database;

a second computer control configured to determine, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, if the identified network devices belong to a selected group of network devices;

~~a second~~ third computer control configured to poll, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices for information; and

a fourth computer code configured to report, independent of control from the remote monitoring center, results of the polling to the remote monitoring center.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 19, further comprising:

a ~~third~~ fifth computer control configured to utilize the information from the polled ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices to set predetermined properties for at least one of the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 19, further comprising:

a ~~fourth~~ fifth computer control configured to determine error conditions in the first set of network devices from the information from the polled first set of network devices.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 21, ~~further comprising: a fifth~~ wherein the fourth computer control configured to report at least one of the error conditions to a device management facility by an e-mail message.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 22, wherein the ~~fifth~~ fourth computer control is further configured to report at least a first error condition substantially as the first error condition occurs, and to report at least a second error condition if the second error condition persists for a predetermined period of time.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 23, wherein the second to fifth computer controls are repeated for all devices within the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices at every one of poll cycles.

Claim 25 (Original): A process according to claim 19, wherein the standard network management software is HP Open View™.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 19, wherein the ~~first set~~ selected group of network devices are all the network devices on the network discovered to be manufactured by a same manufacturer.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 22, wherein ~~fifth~~ fourth computer control is further configured to encrypt the e-mail message.